

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 9023

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joni Perkins Cannon of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joni Perkins Cannon, an exemplary public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a Johnson City native, Joni Cannon was the daughter of Woodrow Wilson and Kathleen Kelsey Perkins; and

WHEREAS, a 1966 graduate of Science Hill High School, Mrs. Cannon retired from a twenty-year career as an executive aide at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) in 2012; prior to her recent decline in health, she was completing her Bachelor of Science degree at ETSU; and

WHEREAS, she served her community as the founder and director of Cap the Gap for children in foster care for Carter, Johnson, Unicoi, and Greene counties and was a charter board member of Isaiah 117 House; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cannon was an active member of Our Savior Lutheran Church; and

WHEREAS, she was deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Joni Cannon enjoyed the love and companionship of her husband, Dale H. Cannon, with whom she shared fifty years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, she is further survived by her children, Tara (John) Thomas and Kyle (Melinda) Cannon; five grandchildren, John Elijah Thomas, Elizabeth Thomas, Molly Cannon, Jack Cannon, and Luke Cannon; two sisters, Jeannie (Robert) Hartnagel and Mary (Dwayne) Austin; two nieces, Amy Austin and Keri Austin; two nephews, Michael (Kathy) Swink and Tony (Tammy) Swink; one grandnephew, Tommy; and two grandnieces, Savannah and Cecelia; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Cannon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joni Perkins Cannon, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Cannon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.